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Georgia subpoenaing Giuliani, Graham in Trump election probe

By **KATE BRUMBACK** and **JILL COLVIN**
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia prosecutor investigating the conduct of former President Donald Trump and his allies after the 2020 election is subpoenaing U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and other members of Trump's campaign legal team to testify before a special grand jury. Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis on Tuesday filed petitions with the judge overseeing the special grand jury as part of her investigation into what she alleges was "a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere."

The move marks a major escalation in a case that could pose a serious legal challenge to the former president as he weighs another White House run. While the special grand jury has already heard from top state officials, Tuesday's filings directly target several of Trump's closest allies and advisers, including Giuliani, who led his campaign's legal efforts to overturn the election results.

"It means the investigation is obviously becoming more intense because those are trusted advisers, those are inner circle peo-



Former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani, a lawyer for President Donald Trump, speaks during a news conference at the Republican National Committee headquarters, Thursday Nov. 19, 2020, in Washington.

ple," said Robert James, former district attorney in DeKalb County, which neighbors Fulton.

The special grand jury has been investigating whether Trump and others illegally tried to meddle in the 2020 presidential election in Georgia as he desperately tried to cling to power after Democrat Joe Biden's victory. Trump continues to insist that the election was stolen, despite the fact that numerous federal and local officials, a long list of courts, top former campaign staff and even Trump's own attorney general have all

said there is no evidence of the fraud he alleges.

The investigation is separate from the congressional committee that has been examining the events surrounding the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 as well as the Department of Justice's own sprawling probe.

The escalation comes as Trump has been mulling announcing a third presidential run as soon as this summer as he seeks to deflect attention from the ongoing investigations and lock in support before a long list of other potential candidate

Highland Park set tight gun limits long before parade attack

By **KATHLEEN FOODY** The Associated Press

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The violence has focused attention on Highland Park's 2013 ban on semi-automatic weapons and large-capacity magazines. Illinois officials have long contended that legal and illegal weapons are easily purchased in surrounding states, hampering even the toughest local laws' effectiveness. Authorities said Tuesday that the suspected gunman, a 21-year-old resident of nearby Highwood, legally purchased the rifle used in the attack in the Chicagoland area but did not say exactly where he bought it. They also have not specified the type of weapon used, only describing it as high powered and "similar to an AR-15." Highland Park's clampdown survived a legal challenge from a local pediatrician and the Illinois State Rifle Association that ended at the U.S. Supreme Court's doorstep in 2015 when justices declined to hear the case. □

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Mirabilite spring mounds are shown at the Great Salt Lake on May 3, 2022, near Salt Lake City.

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Great Salt Lake has hit a new historic low for the second time in less than a

year as the ongoing megadrought worsened by climate change continues to shrink the largest natural

Great Salt Lake hits new historic low for 2nd time in a year

lake west of the Mississippi. Utah Department of Natural Resources said Monday in a news release the Great Salt Lake dipped Sunday to 4,190.1 feet (1,277.1 meters). That is lower than the previous historic low set in October, which at the time matched a 170-year record low.

Lake levels are expected to keep dropping until fall or winter, the agency said. Dwindling water levels at the giant lake just west of Salt Lake City puts millions of migrating birds at risk and threatens a lake-based

economy that's worth an estimated \$1.3 billion in mineral extraction, brine shrimp and recreation. The expanding amount of dry lakebed could also send arsenic-laced dust into the air that millions breathe, scientists say.

The state's Republican-led Legislature is trying to find ways to reverse the trend, but it won't be easy. Water has been diverted away from the lake for years for homes and crops in the nation's fastest-growing state that is also one of the driest. □

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Feds settle suit alleging abuse by men detained after 9/11

By GARY FIELDS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department settled a decades-old lawsuit on Tuesday filed by a group of men who were rounded up by the government in the weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and held in a federal jail in New York in conditions the department's own watchdog called abusive and harsh. The settlement announced Tuesday calls for a \$98,000 payout to be paid out among the six men who filed the suit and were held without terrorism charges at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn. The men — Ahmer Iqbal Abbasi, Anser Mehmood, Benamar Benatta, Ahmed Khalifa, Saeed Hammouda, and Purna Raj Bajracharya — said they were detained in restrictive conditions and in some cases, abused by members of the staff.

The settlement is somewhat unusual because federal courts at nearly every level, including the Supreme Court, had thrown out large chunks of the lawsuit. A federal district court judge threw out the remaining part of the suit last year. Though the plaintiffs filed an appeal, there had been little action in the case for months.

Though the Justice Department does not admit guilt as part of the settlement agreement, Bureau of Prisons Director Michael Carvajal wrote a letter to each of the men saying the Justice Department had determined they were "held in excessively restrictive and unduly harsh conditions of confinement and a number of individuals were physically and verbally abused by certain MDC officers."

The letter went on to say that "Under the exceptional circumstances of this unique case and before the facts have been fully litigated or there has been any final judgment by the court in this case the Federal Bureau of Prisons has agreed to provide funds to the former Warden of



A sign for the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons is displayed at the Metropolitan Detention Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York, July 6, 2020.

Associated Press

the MDC, Dennis Hasty, to indemnify him for the settlement of your claims. This will resolve all of your claims in this litigation."

"I don't know that the director of the Bureau of Prisons has ever signed a letter of this nature before to individual clients, so that is unique," said Rachel Meeropol, senior staff attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights, who represents the men.

Meeropol called the court battle a failure of the justice system, pointing to limitations on claims against federal officials.

The Justice Department did not immediately comment. The lawsuit originally sought accountability from high-level members of George W. Bush administration, and a settlement was reached in 2008 with the original five plaintiffs. Others were added.

In 2017 the Supreme Court threw out parts of the suit but tossed one claim, against the former warden of the federal lockup, back to a lower court. A federal judge in Brooklyn dismissed the remaining parts of the suit last year, finding that the men did not have the right to sue for their injuries, though the judge did not address whether there were constitutional violations.

The settlement closes a chapter on a troubling era in federal criminal justice when Muslim, Arab and South Asian men were rounded up in the days and weeks after the Sept.

11 attacks. Soon, more than 1,000 were arrested in sweeps across the New York metropolitan area and nationwide. Most were charged only with over-

staying visas and deported back to their home countries. But before that happened, many were held in detention for months, with little outside contact, especially with their families.

They were, according to the 9/11 Commission report, arrested as "special interest" detainees. Immigration hearings were closed, detainee communication was limited, and bond was denied until the detainees were cleared of terrorist connections. Identities were kept secret.

A review conducted by the Justice Department's inspector general said the Justice Department's "hold until cleared" policy meant a significant percentage of the detainees stayed for months despite

immigration officials questioning the legality of the prolonged detentions and even though there were no indications they were connected to terrorism.

Compounding that, they faced "a pattern of physical and verbal abuse" particularly at the federal jail in Brooklyn. Conditions were, the report said, "unduly harsh."

"I am glad that the case is coming to an end after two decades of litigation. However, it is a bittersweet conclusion for me," said Benatta, in a statement released by the Center for Constitutional Rights, one of the plaintiff attorneys, along with Covington & Burling LLP, and attorneys Michael Winger and Alexander Reinert. □

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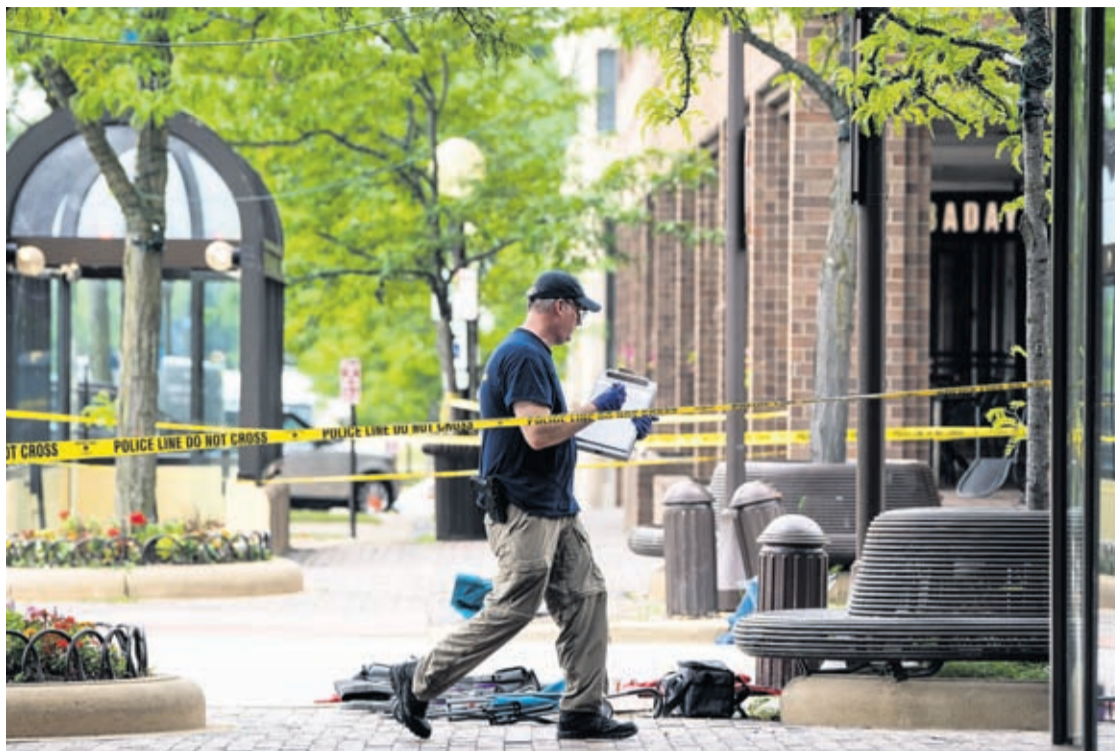
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Members of the FBI's Evidence Response Team Unit investigate on Central Avenue near Green Bay Road in downtown Highland Park, Ill., less than 24 hours after a gunman killed several people and wounded dozens more by firing a high-powered rifle from a rooftop onto a crowd attending Highland Park's Fourth of July parade, Tuesday morning, July 5, 2022.

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Highland Park's clamp-down survived a legal challenge from a local pediatrician and the Illinois State Rifle Association that

ended at the U.S. Supreme Court's doorstep in 2015 when justices declined to hear the case. Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering responded to the win, at the time arguing: "Banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines is a common sense step to reducing gun violence and protecting our children, our law enforcement and our communities from potential mass violence and grief." Two conservative justices — Justice Clarence Thomas,

joined by Justice Antonin Scalia — said they would have heard the case and struck Highland Park's limits. "The overwhelming majority of citizens who own and use such rifles do so for lawful purposes, including self-defense and target shooting," Thomas wrote.

For Gordon and other activists in Highland Park, Monday's violent attack was a push to continue working toward national restrictions on such weapons and ammo. Highland

Park's local and federal elected officials back gun restrictions, showing it by their presence at anti-gun violence rallies and their votes. Police were also stationed all along the parade route. But that didn't stop the killings on Monday, Gordon said.

"People have to realize, there's nothing that makes any community immune," she said. "The only thing that's going to help any of us is if we vote out legislators who refuse to do anything about guns."

Gordon helped organize an anti-gun violence arts event in town last month following the mass shootings at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, and a school in Uvalde, Texas. Weeks later, she was fielding phone calls from friends who fled their city's holiday parade in terror.

Gordon said since the shooting she's received dozens of emails from friends and neighbors, expressing their shock that such violence could hit their home. She said it gives her hope that influential voices can make a change — tempered by her belief that national change is the only hope of preventing future mass shootings.

"You can't protect people all the time," she said. "This is a gun issue." □



A firefighter sprays water on the Electra Fire burning in the Rich Gulch community of Calaveras County, Calif., on Monday, July 4, 2022.

Associated Press

JACKSON, Calif. (AP) — A Fourth of July wildfire that authorities say may have been sparked by fireworks or a barbecue temporarily

trapped holiday revelers as it chewed through a mountainous California region that's a top tourism destination, officials said.

California forest fire temporarily strands July 4th revelers

The Electra Fire in Sierra Nevada Gold Country broke out Monday afternoon and tripled in size overnight to more than 4.7 square miles (12.2 square kilometers) acres by Tuesday morning. The fire started at a recreation area that was packed with people, forcing 85 to 100 celebrating the holiday at a river to take shelter at a Pacific Gas & Electric Co. facility, said Amador County Sheriff Gary Redman. All were later safely evacuated, he said.

Mandatory evacuation orders and warnings combined affected about 500 people in Amador County

and 300 to 400 people in Calaveras County, Redman said. Evacuation centers were set up for people and animals.

More than 100 fire engines, 1,200 firefighters and 14 helicopters were sent to the fire, which was a threat to power infrastructure, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said. The terrain was described as steep and rugged.

Cal Fire activated an incident management team for the fire. The teams "are made up of trained personnel who provide operational management

and support to large-scale, expanding incidents," Cal Fire said.

Redman said the cause of the fire was not known, but that it started in the Vox Beach area of the North Fork Mokelumne River. He said that could suggest fireworks or a barbecue as a potential cause.

One firefighter from the local fire protection district suffered burn injuries, Redman said.

Vox Beach is about 55 miles (89 kilometers) east of Sacramento in the heart of the Sierra Nevada region that is steeped with the history of the mid-1800s Gold Rush. □

NATO nations sign accession protocols for Sweden, Finland

By RAF CASERT

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland on Tuesday, sending the membership bids of the two nations to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals and possible political trouble in Turkey.

The move further increases Russia's strategic isolation in the wake of its invasion of neighboring Ukraine in February and military struggles there since.

"This is truly a historic moment for Finland, for Sweden and for NATO," the head of the alliance, Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, said.

The 30 ambassadors and permanent representatives formally approved decisions made at a NATO summit in Madrid last week, when the leaders of member nations invited Russia's neighbor Finland and Scandinavian partner Sweden to join the military club. Securing parliamentary approval for the new members in Turkey, however, could still pose a problem even though Sweden, Finland and Turkey reached a memorandum of understanding at the Madrid summit.



Finland's Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto, left, Sweden's Foreign Minister Ann Linde, right, and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg attend a media conference after the signature of the NATO Accession Protocols for Finland and Sweden in the NATO headquarters in Brussels, Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned that Ankara could block the process if the two countries failed to grant Turkey's demands for the extradition of people it views as terror suspects. The people wanted in Turkey have links to outlawed Kurdish groups or the network of an exiled cleric accused of a failed 2016 coup in Turkey.

He said Turkey's Parliament could refuse to ratify the

deal. It is a potent threat since NATO accession must be formally approved by all 30 member states, which gives each a blocking right. Stoltenberg said he expected no change of heart. "There were security concerns that needed to be addressed. And we did what we always do at NATO. We found common ground," he said.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has given the pro-

cess added urgency. It will ensconce the two nations in the Western military alliance and give NATO more clout, especially in the face of Moscow's military threat. "We will be even stronger and our people will be even safer as we face the biggest security crisis in decades," Stoltenberg said. At a news conference, the foreign ministers of Sweden and Finland were asked whether the memoran-

dum specified people who would have to be extradited to Turkey. Both ministers said no such list was part of the agreement.

"We will honor the memorandum fully. There is, of course, no lists or anything like that in the memorandum, but what we will do is to have better cooperation when it comes to terrorists," Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde said.

Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto was equally adamant.

"Everything that was agreed in Madrid is stated in the document. There are no hidden documents behind that or any agreements behind that," Haavisto said.

Every alliance nation has different legislative challenges and procedures to deal with, and it could take several more months for the two Nordic nations to take their place as official NATO members.

Denmark and Canada were quickest out of the blocks. They handed over their ratification documents in Washington as the first NATO countries just hours after the accession protocols were signed in Brussels, Danish Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod told The Associated Press by phone. □

Activists protest over Spain's San Fermin bull-run festival

By IRENE YAGÜE

Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain (AP) — Dozens of animal rights activists dressed as dinosaurs were chased by fellow activists through the streets of the Spanish city of Pamplona on Tuesday to protest alleged animal cruelty in the world famous San Fermin Running of the Bulls festival. In the protest Tuesday, the dinosaurs were supposed to represent bulls and the mob behind the San Fermin revelers. The activists carried placards reading, "Bullfighting is Prehistoric." They said the point was to show runs could be light-hearted and held without any cruelty to animals. It was the 18th annual

protest led by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, and the Spanish NGO AnimalNaturalis. The protests are normally held a day before the festival gets underway with the traditional "chupinazo" firework blast at midday in Pamplona's town hall square. The runs begin Thursday.

"Bullfighting is the long ritualized execution of bulls and many tourists who come to the bull-runs don't actually realize that the same bulls they're running down a couple of streets with are later killed in the bullring that day," said Chelsea Monroe, PETA senior digital campaign officer.

"They're stabbed over and over again for 20 minutes until they're dead," said Monroe.

"We want the tourists to know that their money is supporting this really cruel industry."

The protests do little to dampen enthusiasm for San Fermin, which normally sees Pamplona's population of 200,000 balloon to some 1 million during peak days of the nine-day festival.

The festival was suspended for the past two years because of the coronavirus pandemic. Authorities fear crowd activities at the festival may lead to a major increase in infections this year as well.

The festival highlight is the early morning "encierro," or run, which sees thousands of people running

like mad to avoid six bulls as they charge along a winding, cobblestoned route to the city's bullring. □



People dressing as dinosaurs protest against animal cruelty before the start of the San Fermin festival, which has been cancelled for the last two years due to coronavirus restrictions, in Pamplona, northern Spain, Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

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Alleged Chinese police database hack leaks data of 1 billion

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Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hackers claim to have obtained a trove of data on 1 billion Chinese from a Shanghai police database in a leak that, if confirmed, could be one of the largest data breaches in history.

In a post on the online hacking forum Breach Forums last week, someone using the handle “ChinaDan” offered to sell nearly 24 terabytes (24 TB) of data including what they claimed was information on 1 billion people and “several billion case records” for 10 Bitcoin, worth about \$200,000.

The data purportedly includes information from the Shanghai National Police database including names, addresses, national identification numbers and mobile phone numbers as well as case details.

A sample of data seen by The Associated Press listed names, birthdates, ages and mobile numbers. One person was listed as having been born in “2020,” with their age listed as “1,” suggesting that information on minors was included in the data obtained in the breach.



Chinese policemen patrol the bund area, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Shanghai.

Associated Press

The Associated Press could not immediately verify the authenticity of the data samples. Shanghai police did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The data leak initially sparked discussion on Chinese social media platforms such as Weibo, but censors have since moved to block keyword searches for “Shanghai data leak.” One person said they were

skeptical until they managed to verify some of the personal data leaked online by attempting to search for people on Alipay using their personal information.

“Everyone, please be careful in case there are more phone scams in the future!” they said in a Weibo post. Another person commented on Weibo that the leak means everyone is “running naked” slang used to refer

to a lack of privacy and it’s “horrifying.”

Experts said the breach, if confirmed, would be the biggest in history.

Kendra Schaefer, a partner for technology at policy research firm Trivium China, said in a tweet that it’s “hard to parse truth from the rumor mill, but can confirm file exists.”

Such data leaks are fairly common, according to Michael Gazeley, manag-

ing director at Hong Kong-based security firm Network Box. “There are approximately 12 billion compromised accounts posted on the Dark Web right now.

That’s more than the total number of people in the world,” he said, adding that a majority of data leaks often come from the U.S.

Chester Wisniewski, principal research scientist at cybersecurity firm Sophos, said that the breach is “potentially incredibly embarrassing to the Chinese government,” and the political harm would probably outweigh damage to the people whose data was leaked.

Most of the data is similar to what advertising companies that run banner ads would have, he said.

“When you’re talking about a billion people’s information and it’s static information, it’s not about where they traveled, who they communicated with or what they were doing, then it becomes very much less interesting,” Wisniewski said. Still, once hackers get data and put it online it’s impossible to fully remove. □



Members of the New People’s Army communist rebels with face painted to conceal their identities, march with their firearms before a news conference held at their guerrilla encampment tucked in the harsh wilderness of the Sierra Madre mountains southeast of Manila, Philippines, Nov. 23, 2016.

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A land mine set by suspected communist guerrillas wounded seven soldiers in the central Philippines on Tuesday, in one of the insurgents’ first known attacks since President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. took office last

week. Army troops were checking reports from villagers of anti-personnel mines laid by rebels from the New People’s Army, the Communist Party of the Philippines’ armed wing, along a village trail in Marapanas town in Northern Sa-

Rebel land mine wounds 7 soldiers in central Philippines

mar province when an explosion wounded the seven soldiers, regional army commander Maj. Gen. Edgardo de Leon said.

Two of the wounded soldiers were in critical condition, he said, adding that no villagers were injured. “Some of the soldiers were tossed away because the rebels have been using really powerful land mines,” de Leon said.

The government will file criminal complaints against rebel leaders for the attack and the use of internationally banned types of land mines, de Leon told reporters.

The soldiers were not able to open fire at the rebels, who fled after the attack and were being hunted

by government forces, he said.

On Friday, a day after Marcos Jr. was sworn in after winning a landslide victory in a May 9 election, government troops assaulted eight communist rebels, killing one, in a brief gunbattle in central Negros Oriental province, the army said.

Marcos Jr. must deal with decades-long communist and Muslim insurgencies, along with longstanding territorial disputes with China and other claimants in the South China Sea.

During the campaign, he said he would pursue peace talks with communist insurgents and expressed support for a government task force established under his prede-

cessor, Rodrigo Duterte, to fight the insurgency by bringing infrastructure, housing and livelihood projects to the poverty-stricken countryside.

The task force has drawn criticism for linking several left-wing activists and government critics to the communist insurgency, in what Duterte’s opponents said was baseless “red-tagging” aimed at muzzling legitimate dissent.

Despite battle setbacks, infighting and factionalism, the communist insurgency has continued to rage, mostly in rural areas, for more than half a century in one of Asia’s longest-running rebellions. It currently has an estimated 2,700 armed fighters. □

Flag and Anthem Day winners of the contest 'A rhyme for my island' Students from Arco Iris kindergarten class pink and blue received a prize

This week, minister of Culture, Xiomara Maduro visited Arco Iris kindergarten, realed with the prize giving to the winning classrooms of the competition for preparatory schools, 'A rhyme for my island'. This was in the context of the Flag and Anthem Day 2022.

The children, guided by their teacher, had to prepare a rhyme in our beautiful language of Papiamentu, with the message relating to the flag and anthem of Aruba. All classrooms of preparatory schools were

able to participate. The teachers recorded their children on their phone and submitted the video in order to participate.

On her arrival at Arco Iris kindergarten, the minister of Culture was received by the teachers of the school, and the children sang a beautiful song from their school.

The mandatory thanked the children and teachers for taking part in the competition, and congratulated them for their beautiful winning rhyme, which the

children also presented to the minister.

Minister Maduro delivered the treat of pizza to the pink class, which presented the rhyme 'Awe dia di Himno y Bandera, nos ta stop cu guerra' (today on flag and anthem day, we stop war); and blue class, with their rhyme titled 'Aruba dushi tera, orguyoso di nos himno y bandera' (beautiful land Aruba, proud of our flag and anthem. Must note that 'Aruba Dushi Tera' is also the name of our national anthem). □



Focused on the rescue of culture and folklore Chico Harms Foundation organizing a Big Parade in Brazil



A vibrant organization with the purpose of complementing and exalting Aruban culture and folklore with activities developed and guided by volunteers, is organizing big activities, among them the Big Folklore Cultural Parade (Gran Parada Folklore Cultural) which will take place in september.

Francisco, better known as 'Chico' Harms, explains that they are preparing the Acoustic Parade on the 17th of July, a parade which had to be canceled for two years because of the pandemic. This year

it will be a very big event, where they will not use any speakers or electric instruments, but the participants will use their own instruments and they will sing and play instrumental music.

This parade will start by the church in Brazil and finish at the community center in Brazil, where the celebrations will continue.

For the 23rd and 30th of July, there will be the Aruban Street Song Festival (Festival Cantica di Caya Arubano), which started with various groups inter-

preting the same song, which after it was decided to make it in the context of a street song. Currently they have nine young children participating who will sing on the 23rd, and 13 adults who will also be singing on the 30th of July.

Leo Harms, who together with Marcia Dirks gave information regarding the Cultural Folklore Queen of Aruba, explained that the queen election is planned for the 20th of August in the children category, and for the 27th of august for Cultural Lady (Dama Cultural) and Great Cultural Lady (Gran Dama Cultural).

On the 27th of August will be held the show for Dama and Gran Dama, and Dirks emphasizes that the focus is on the cultural and folkloric aspects of the clothing and presentation. He said that not a lot of people need to be on stage, but rather, must present culture

and customs of Aruba. On the 2nd of September there will be a Parade with Lanterns in Brazil. This year marks five years that this parade is on the streets, and 'it was well received and it is so pretty, because the lanterns in the hours of the night are very beautiful', according to Harms.

With all these activities upcoming, a call goes out to the community of the town of Brazil and Aruba in general, to partake in order to preserve and promote cultural folklore. With this in mind, the invitation goes out to watch this parade and support our cultural folklore. □



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Infini by Chef Urvin Croes

PALM BEACH — After spearheading *The Kitchen Table* for five years, receiving notable recognitions in *USA Today*, *The Daily Meal* and earning the #1 spot on Tripadvisor's list of Fine Dining Restaurants in the Caribbean, Chef Urvin Croes has now moved on to higher heights. *Infini*, his new chef's table, which opened at the Blue Residences in 2020, allows the Michelin-trained Aruban culinary artist to create gastronomic experiences unconfined by cultural or regional expectations. Croes says: "We opened up the entire kitchen and elevated the dining tables so guests have a front row stadium-like view of each step of the preparations. A chef's table concept where diners and staff are able to interact throughout the evening, channeling through a story guided by a 12 course menu."

"It is a flavor that you cannot define, but you can create."

Inspired by umami, one of the five basic tastes, and also Japanese for "essence of deliciousness", Chef Croes strived to organically produce this palate in each dish of the twelve-course Asian Caribbean Impression tasting menu. "It is a flavor that you cannot define, but you can create."



"Without a great team, there is no great chef"

"There is very little I can do by myself. Without a great team, there is no great chef", says Croes, while raving about the young professionals sharing his kitchen. All graduates of Aruba's EPI College and familiar faces to the Chef as each one has completed their culinary internship under his guidance. In fact, *Infini*'s Chef de Cuisine, Ashwin Maduro, was Urvin's very first student, before relocating to Amsterdam, where he worked at several Michelin-starred restaurants, including *&moshik* (formally *&Samhoud Places*). Having recently returned to Aruba, Chef Maduro is thrilled to be reunited with his first mentor and hopes to secure Aruba's space on the global map of unique culinary experiences. Similarly, after four years working in the two-Michelin starred restaurant *Spectrum*, Chef de Partie Moises Ramirez returned home to share his vast experience in formulating recipes with meticulous attention to detail and consistency. Further down the kitchen line, Chef de Partie Alvaro Yi, who has worked at the two-Michelin starred *FG Restaurant*, is all about expressing himself through cooking and plating to create art that you can eat. Mixologist Marc-Anthony Rannis brings eight years of experience in the fine dining industry to *Infini*. His fine craftsmanship is displayed in the unparalleled wine pairings and signature cocktails, which include his personally homemade syrups, garnishes and fresh local ingredients. *Maitre D'* and Junior Sommelier Jessica Theysen, who previously managed renowned Chef Dennis Huwaë's *Restaurant Daalder* in Amsterdam, is a true storyteller. From the moment she serves the *Salinity* welcome drink and the culinary tale begins, she takes you on an adventure around the world to discover never-before-tasted combinations. Then, towards the end of the night, it is his time to shine — Pastry Chef Jean-Claude Werleman, that is. After spending the last two years perfecting his recipes in the Pastry Department of the *Ritz Carlton Aruba*, Werleman joins *Infini* to continue exploring his passion for experimenting with colors and bold flavors.

"It's time to show that Aruba is a culinary destination of its own"

"The goal is to leave our visitors speechless. The look on their faces whenever they take the first bite says it all and it is priceless",



shares Croes, with a smile. Reclaiming the spot of number one restaurant in the Caribbean is also in sight, but this time he will not stop there. "In the end, we want Aruba to be recognized for its culinary mastery. We have trained the best culinary artists right here on the island and they have proven themselves internationally in the most renowned kitchens in the world. Now it is time to show that Aruba is a culinary destination of its own. Who knows where that will take us; hopefully to infinity and beyond."

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The Aruba International Regatta will take place from the 19th to the 21st of August



Oranjestad - During a recent meeting with the board of Aruba International Regatta, the event program for the upcoming races was finalized.

The participants will have to register online at www.aruba-regatta.org before Saturday the 20th of August 9am. The event will be officially open at University of Aruba on the 19th of August with registrations possible between 5pm and 7pm, with only cash payment accepted.

After that the Captain's meet and official opening of Aruba International Regatta 2022 will take place at 8pm.

The races will take off the next day, the 20th of August at Surfside Beach, with a full day dedicated to sports, music and fun.

The program for the 20th of August is as follows:

- 8pm to 9am: Last opportunity to register
- 8:30: Safety & Race meet, sunfish, beach cat, F11, Opti & Cube at Surfside Beach.
- 9am to 5pm: Sailing races
- 12pm: Lunch Break
- 4pm to 7pm: Live Music
- 5pm to 6pm: Happy Hour

- Program for the 21st of August is as follows:
- 9:30am to 5pm: Sailing Races
 - 12pm: Lunch Break
 - 4pm to 7pm: Live Music
 - 5pm to 6pm: Aruba Regatta Happy Hour
 - 7pm: Closing Ceremony & Awards

Gratitude was expressed to Digicel for their support as a sponsor. There will be more information available at Aruba International Regatta's portal. It features a simple design complete with safety and all the information in one single place. □

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Marine system threats

Episode CLXI -161

Etnia Nativa through Island Insight facilitates cultural awareness, education and safeguards Aruba's heritage by elevating each reader into an island keeper state of mind. Be encouraged to discover in every episode the true native effect, live it, discover more reasons to love Aruba behind our beaches and liven up your stay in an incredibly wonderful way.

Our island is a tiny tourist destination with a fragile ecosystem, covering thousands of years of history. Here is where Etnia Nativa's main objective comes to mind through educating the readers over Aruba's heritage. We believe in when you love and value what you have; ones greatest desire becomes to protect it.

We share awareness form out a local and native perspective, through respect and sustainability. During this episode we introduce certain threats from the marine system.

Natural sea ecosystems are sometimes under threat from human activity. For example, mechanical dredging of kelp destroys the resource and dependent fisheries. Humans have a long history of cultivating seaweeds for their use. In recent years, seaweed farming has become a global agricultural practice, providing food, source material for various chemical uses, cattle feeds and fertilizers. Because of their importance in marine ecologies and for absorbing carbon dioxide, recent attention has been on cultivating seaweeds as a potential climate change mitigation strategy for bio sequestration of carbon dioxide, alongside other benefits like nutrient pollution reduction, increased habitat for coastal aquatic species, and reducing local ocean acidification. The Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate recommends "further research attention" as a mitigation tactic.

Sargasso a brown macro algae numerous throughout temperate and tropical oceans of the world, where they generally inhabit shallow water and coral reefs. Sargasso presents risks to human health as well. In the water, it's harmless to humans, but the trouble begins



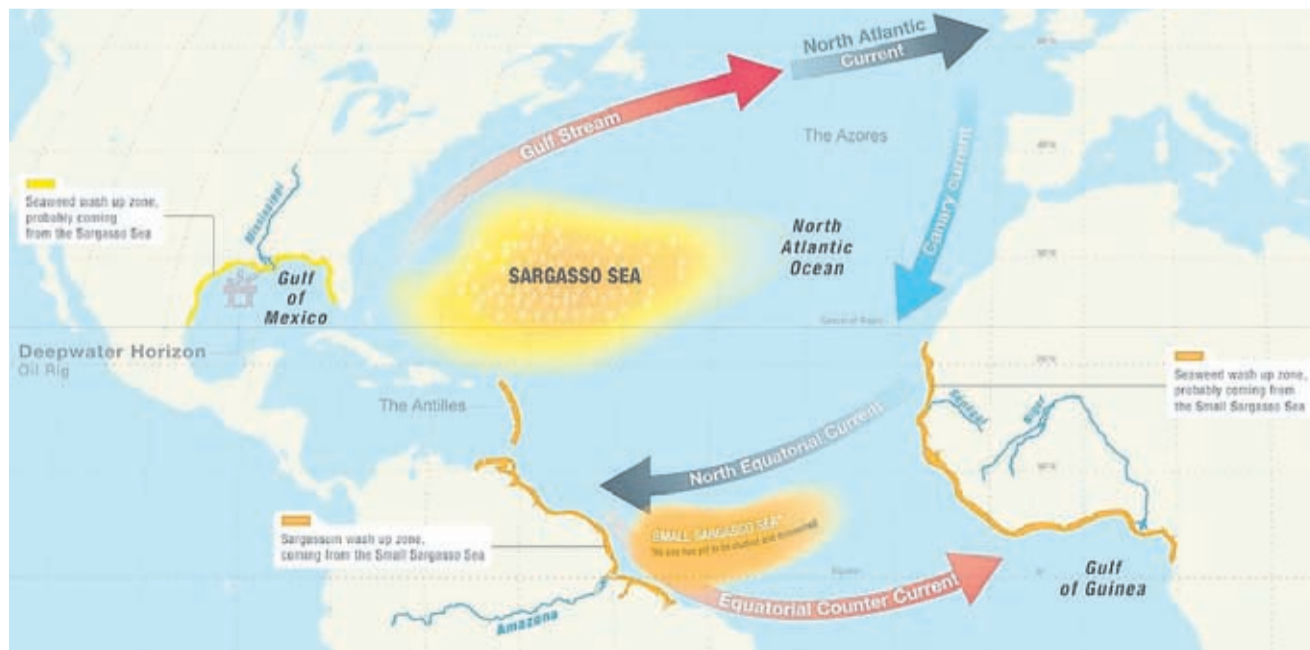
once it lands on the beach and starts to decompose. Breathing in these toxic fumes may cause, skin irritation, respiratory and neurocognitive symptoms in people that come in close contact with the degrading Sargasso. Our West coast beaches also are covered with sea weed and marine grasses due to seasonal bigger waves that bumbles and loosen up the sea weed of the coral which finally lands on the coast. Public Works (DOW) usually did the clean-up work and native traditional farmers picked up the rest with which they fertilize their "cunuco", traditional "Caque-

tian" agricultural land plots.

While there are many different types of algae found floating in the ocean all around world, the Sargasso Sea is unique in that it harbors species of sargassum that are 'holopelagic' — this means that the algae not only freely floats around the ocean, but it reproduces vegetatively on the high seas. If we ask ourselves about the protection of particular algae called Sargassum, think that, being an open sea, the Sargasso Sea is part of the High Seas, the ocean area that covers almost 50% of the earth's surface but is outside the jurisdiction and responsibility of any national government, and as such enjoys little protection.

If you love Aruba its origins and its cultural heritage, be part of the exclusive visitors of Etnia Nativa: a cozy museum/home.

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Noelia Khalil, a talented and intelligent young woman with a passion for the world of beauty

Noelia Khalil is only 28 years old, and she is a professional doctor working at the hospital in Aruba as a ward doctor. She grew up as a dancer, and then entered the world of beauty. During a conversation with our reporter, she told us about her experience in the world of beauty, as well as working at the hospital during the pandemic, and her nomination and triumph in the campaign **Unsung Frontline Heroes**.

Noelia studied medicine in Costa Rica. After six years she graduated as medical doctor and she came back to Aruba and started working as ward doctor in January 2020, right when the Covid-19 pandemic started.

She says that at the beginning of the pandemic work was really hard. She didn't know what to expect because worldwide it was something new and unknown. By the fourth wave



Aruba in the pageant Miss Teen Americas. There she also won the main title. After this, Noelia didn't compete in beauty pageants anymore, because she went to continue studying in Costa Rica.

She says she likes the world of beauty pageants because 'you have the opportunity to grow in every way. You get to know other cultures, different ways of thinking'. Last year, Noelia participated in a virtual international pageant and was hoping to this year represent Aruba in person at an international pageant.

at the end 2021, even though she knew what to expect, she says the wave hit a lot harder.

"At the beginning we were not prepared for it, and it made it hectic, particularly with the amount of patients that was coming in. It was

always hard; we had three waves before it went down a little bit, and when it came back with the fourth wave, I can say it was a lot harder. And this considering that we were ready for it, we knew what to expect from the earlier waves that we had from the year before. Even so it was a lot harder", she told us.

During the pandemic, CIBC First Caribbean Bank started an initiative in the Caribbean, 'FirstCaribbean Unsung Frontline Heroes'. This initiative allowed friends and family members nominate a person working as a frontliner during the pandemic. A variety of people was nominated, like police officers, nurses and ambulance personnel, among others. From all the nominations, each island chose three heroes, and Noelia was in the top three from Aruba. From the three nominees a story was published and everyone was allowed to vote, and it was this way that Noelia won first place.

"We know how hard we worked, all that we sacrificed, how tired we were. And what I find the prettiest from this initiative is that it's not only the person who won who gets a prize, but the other nominees also received a prize, and I found that super pretty. Because all frontliners worked and

there can't only be one reward", Noelia said.

Ever since she was about 8 or 9 years old, Noelia participated in dance groups. From the world of dance she transitioned to the world of beauty, and the first pageant in which she participated was Miss Teen Aruba International. "My dance friends convinced my mom to sign me up, and that was really great, I liked what the world of beauty is, which is not only beauty because you really learn so much", she explained. "It is a development in the personal, social... in every aspect, and I really like that a lot."

Noelia managed to win the main title in Aruba, and after that she went to El Salvador, where she represented

From a young age, Noelia knew she wanted to study in the field of medicine. For her, everything started with a television show, which inspired her. "When I was in 5th grade, the program Dr. 90210, about plastic surgery, is what inspired me to go into medicine. My entire career, during my five years in Colegio Arubano (high school) and my first five years in Costa Rica, I had the mentality that I would become a plastic surgeon, or reconstructive surgeon, who helps patients who because of disease or any accident need to reconstruct part of their bodies", she said. "But when I arrived at the part of surgery, I realized that surgery is not for me. At that moment I changed my mind. But I always knew I wanted to be a doctor." □



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I'D LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED AS A PERSON WHO WANTED TO BE FREE AND WANTED OTHER PEOPLE TO BE ALSO FREE. — ROSA PARKS

Millennial Money: What if you can't 'out-budget' inflation?

By LAURA MCMULLEN of NerdWallet

Inflation is a nightmare for the many Americans who already stretch their dollars to cover basic needs. What happens when those dollars lose value?

Their choice is probably not about whether to cut streaming services or opt for store-brand groceries. Instead, they may have to pick between buying enough food and paying rent.

The families hit hardest by inflation typically have little in savings and other resources. And that lack of access to wealth can be rooted in a history of inequality, says Phuong Luong, a Massachusetts-based certified financial planner and founder of Just Wealth, a financial education and consulting firm.

For example, say generations of your family have been underpaid or limited in where they can live, due in part to racist policies. Then inflation causes everything to become more expensive.

You may have to scrape together cash to support not just yourself, but also family or community members. Perhaps you have to spend money and time traveling across town to the grocery store or doctor's office.

"Your proximity to people with resources and people with wealth is going to be different depending on where you live and who you are," Luong says. "There's a larger context than just expenses and budgeting."

Whatever context describes your situation, here's how to combat inflation if money is already tight.

PRIORITIZE ESSENTIALS

Aim to pay for expenses that enable you to live safely: housing (mortgage or rent), utilities and food. Also try to cover costs that help you work, such as transportation, cell phone and child care.

Next-level priorities are those that trigger major consequences if you don't pay: taxes, child support

and insurance.

For credit cards, aim to pay your minimum at least, because you may need that credit access.

TAP LOCAL RESOURCES

If you're struggling to pay bills, find support. Luong suggests Findhelp.org, which lists local programs designed to cut costs across many categories.

Calling 211 or visiting 211.org can also help you find assistance related to housing, health, food and emergency costs.

PICK UP THE PHONE

You may also save money by calling credit card and insurance companies, lenders, banks, cell phone providers and other businesses you pay.

With the pandemic affecting so many consumers, these companies "are a little more empathetic than they have been," says Emlen Miles-Mattingly, co-founder of Onyx Advisor Network, a Sacramento, California-based support platform for underrepresented financial advisors.

They may pause or lower payments, for example, or forgive overdue bills. Or they could lower your interest rate.

But you have to ask. And often a patient phone call with customer service yields quicker, more effective results than an email or online form.

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

To overcome financial struggles, "community is going to be major," says Dasha Kennedy, Atlanta-based financial activist and founder of The Broke Black Girl Facebook community.

Leaning on — or supporting — your family members, friends and neighbors can take many forms. For example, Kennedy points out how temporarily living with others can lower housing expenses. Or you can pool resources by sharing a vehicle or splitting a large expense.

To connect with supportive locals you've yet to meet, look to libraries, religious or-

ganizations and recreation centers. Or use virtual platforms like Facebook and Nextdoor.

In these in-person and online spaces, you may find free or inexpensive goods and services. Maybe someone will give away second-hand clothes or walk your dog while you work.

Or seek guidance. Your neighbors may point you toward free, nearby health resources, for example, or describe what's helped them stretch their money.

PROFIT FROM YOUR SKILLS

Of course, making more money helps, too. If you're already working, Kennedy recommends first trying to increase earnings through your employer. Consider working overtime or negotiating raises and role changes, she says.

Or explore side work — with caution. Plenty of online gigs could waste your time, take your money or misuse your personal information.

"It's high time for frauds and scams," Kennedy says. Trust your gut, and read reviews. Also check the Federal Trade Commission and Better Business Bureau websites for tips to avoid scams. The most effective way to make money? "Monetize skills you already have," Kennedy says. These could include anything from cleaning and organizing to writing and designing. □

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Review: In 'Fire of Love,' the mysterious alchemy of romance

By **JAKE COYLE**
AP Film Writer

Rarely have the conditions for love been less hospitable than in Sara Dosa's documentary "Fire of Love." Yet here, amid shifting tectonics and quaking craters, French volcanologists Katia and Maurice Krafft forge a strangely rock-steady romance. "Fire of Love," excavates their unique story, and the jaw-dropping footage the Kraffts left behind, in a film exploding with awe for the mysterious alchemies of love and obsession. The Kraffts were prominent scientists in the '70s and '80s whose passion and occasional red knit hats made them a bit like the Cousteaus of the volcano world. Like that underwater explorer, the Kraffts also picked up filmmaking to chronicle their investigations — which often drew them, like moths to the flame, perilously close to not-at-all-dormant volcanoes. They died in 1991 in a cascading gray cloud on Japan's Mount Unzen, leaving behind hundreds of hours of footage, and as narrator Miranda July says early in the film, a mil-

lion questions. Maurice, a gregarious geologist, and Katia, a more reserved geochemist, were brought together by their mutual infatuation for volcanoes. After marrying, they decided not to have children and instead dedicated themselves to being, as Maurice terms it, "volcano runners." They travel from active volcano to active volcano, living according to the Earth's rhythms. With a wry smile, they confess many of their colleagues view them as weirdos. "If I could eat rocks, I'd stay on the volcano and never come down," Maurice says proudly in one TV interview.

Dosa uses July's narration to frame the Kraffts' story with a playful sense of wonder and whimsy — a sometimes overly intrusive, too neatly packaged device in a film where what's on screen is so overwhelmingly powerful that it might not need the extra layer.

Again and again, we see the couple traversing charred alien landscapes with geysers of spewing lava. Their protective outfits are a little nutty, too, like props from an old science-



This image released by National Geographic shows Katia Krafft wearing an aluminized suit as she stands near lava burst at Krafla Volcano, Iceland, in a scene from the documentary "Fire of Love." Associated Press

fiction film or something left over from the henchmen of a Bond villain. But with rivers of red all around, they are almost at play — wild silhouettes dancing on the precipice. When set to Brian Eno's beguiling "The Big Ship," the imagery isn't hellish but heavenly.

On one volcano, Maurice fries an egg on the hot ground. On another, he paddles an inflatable raft over a steaming lake of acid. Katia objects to that gambit but they are resolutely inseparable. Still, if

"Fire of Love" is principally a love story, the chemistry we see between them isn't the sort that makes you swoon. It's easy to wonder if what binds them together isn't so much love as mutual obsession. They both burn with a red-hot desire less for each other than to be as close to the volcano as possible. Are they chasing life, or death? Maurice calls it "a kamikaze existence." But what's unknowable is also at the heart of "Fire of Love," a movie about two people not afraid but

intoxicated by forces far larger than they are. Katia and Maurice are, she says, "like flies in a saucepan that's boiling over." And it's their contagious sense of awe for nature that keeps the flames of "Fire of Love" smoldering.

"Fire of Love," a Neon release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for thematic material including some unsettling images, and brief smoking. Running time: 93 minutes. Three stars out of four. □

Review: An Irish hitman juggles murder with parenthood

By **BRUCE DESILVA**
Associated Press

Patrick Callen, a Dublin, Ireland hitman with a mild case of obsessive-compulsive disorder, stays organized by making lists. On his first day in Keith Bruton's debut novel, the list includes:

- Buy Food
- Sleep With Olivia
- Visit Ma
- Kill Henry O'Neil

Patrick, who navigates Dublin's streets on his 1950s Modello Oro bicycle, was pedaling home from the market when he stopped off to deal with O'Neil, a drug runner and junkie who owed his supplier more than he could pay. Worried that someone might "nick" his bag of lemons, Patrick slipped it off the handlebars and took it with him to do the hit. From then on, he was known as The Lemon Man.

The details of the O'Neil hit precisely convey Patrick's attitude about his chosen profession. "I reach back into my shorts and pull out the gun, shooting little Henry O'Neil dead center in the forehead, bulls-eye. He falls back into the chair with a bullet in his head. I touch my top lip with the top of my tongue. My moustache is getting long... I scratch my head with the silencer. It's warm."

But just when you're sure that Patrick is a psy-



This cover image released by Brash Books shows "The Lemon Man" by Keith Bruton. Associated Press

chopath, he discovers an infant in O'Neil's filthy drug den, can't bear to leave it there, and takes it with him.

Suddenly, the antihero of "The Lemon Man" is struggling to change diapers and trying to figure out what toddlers eat. But he's also got a job to do. There are people who need killing and others willing to pay to have it done. So he finds himself taking the baby along on the job or leaving him in the care of his equally flummoxed girlfriend, Olivia, whose work as a prostitute doesn't bother Patrick in the least.

Caring for an infant while working as a hired killer is not a good mix, and the inevitable complications soon threaten to get Patrick and Olivia killed. The result is a fast-paced crime novel that is both hilarious and hardboiled, its main character both ruthless and oddly sympathetic.

"I don't care what you think," Patrick says. "I take care of (i.e. kill) people when they don't obey the rules. The rules of the street."

Bruton's tight, colorful prose captures the idiosyncrasies of Irish English without ever leaving American readers behind, every unfamiliar word clear in context. And his hard-eyed portrayal of Dublin street life is so vivid readers can smell the streets and feel the cold rain on their faces. □

2 sets down, Djokovic wins 26th consecutive Wimbledon match

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— It says a lot about Novak Djokovic that a two-sets-to-none hole at Wimbledon on a day he was hardly at his best never seemed insurmountable. Not to him. Not to anyone watching. Says a lot about his history of overcoming that sort of deficit. A lot about his ability to adjust, to adapt and to right himself. A lot about his preeminence at the All England Club in recent years.

Djokovic spotted 10th-seeded Jannik Sinner of Italy the huge lead Tuesday, then worked his way back to win 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at Centre Court, earning an 11th semifinal berth at Wimbledon with his 26th consecutive victory at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

"I always believed," said Djokovic, who faces ninth-seeded Cam Norrie of Britain next, "that I could turn the match around."

Among men, only Roger Federer has made more semifinal appearances at Wimbledon with 13 and won more championships (eight) than the seven Djokovic could reach by lifting the trophy Sunday for what would be a fourth year in a row.

"He makes you play differ-



Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts as he plays Italy's Jannik Sinner in a men's singles quarterfinal match on day nine of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Associated Press

ently — well, not differently, but in a way that he likes," Sinner said.

Djokovic was responsible for just one of Wednesday's comebacks: In all four singles quarterfinals on a sunny day, the player who dropped the first set ended up victorious. Norrie edged David Goffin of Belgium 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia beat Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Tatjana Maria defeated Jule Niemeier 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 in an all-German matchup.

Norrie, Jabeur and Maria

all earned the right to make their debuts in a Grand Slam semifinal.

"Can't enjoy it too much now," said Norrie, 26, who was born in South Africa to British parents, grew up in New Zealand and played college tennis at Texas Christian University. "Just get ready for Novak in a couple days."

The 103rd-ranked Maria is, at 34, the oldest first-time women's semifinalist at a major and only the sixth woman at least that old to get this far at Wimbledon in the professional era, which

began in 1968. The others? Quite a list: Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Serena Williams and Venus Williams.

"I always believed that I have something inside," said Maria, who only once before reached as far as the third round. "That I can do this."

Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia, managed his seventh career comeback in a match in which he trailed by two sets — he last did it in the 2021 French Open final against Stefanos Tsitsipas — and improved

to 37-10 in five-setters. That includes a 10-1 mark in matches that go the distance at Wimbledon, including nine straight victories; the lone loss came in 2006.

"He's been in this situation many times," the 20-year-old Sinner said. "That definitely helps."

Tuesday's match brought Sinner's major quarterfinal appearance total to three, which is exactly 50 fewer than Djokovic's.

Sinner has shown enormous potential, reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 French Open before losing to Rafael Nadal and the 2022 Australian Open before losing to Tsitsipas. As for grass? Sinner was 0-4 until last week. But he got win No. 1 at Wimbledon by eliminating three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka and then beat a pair of seeded foes: No. 20 John Isner and No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz.

With his wide wingspan, and a Djokovic-style ability to slide into strokes, the 6-foot-2 (1.88-meter) Sinner gets to balls that appear out of reach and is able to reply with considerable power. That allows him to lengthen exchanges and make even a consummate baseliner like Djokovic put in extra work to earn a point. □

Van Aert wins Tour stage 4 in style and extends overall lead

CALAIS, France (AP) — Belgian rider Wout van Aert won the hilly fourth stage of the Tour de France and extended his overall lead after attacking strongly on the day's final climb on Tuesday.

The Belgian rider kept the leader's yellow jersey for the Jumbo-Visma team after taking it for the first time on Saturday. He also extended his lead in the green jersey contest for best sprinter.

Van Aert shook up the peloton when he surged ahead up the last of the five climbs — a 900-meter ascent up Cote du Cap

Blanc-Nez at a gradient of 7.5% — about 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the end.

He said he felt an early attack was the best way to avoid a mass sprint at the line.

"I didn't want to take the risk of losing anymore. It was quite obvious that we were trying something with the team," he said. "I went full gas to see what would happen. I went all out."

The 27-year-old Van Aert is considered one of the best multi-skilled riders in the world and is a former three-time cyclo-cross world champion and a one-day classics specialist.

The Jumbo-Visma rider flapped his hands like a bird's wings as he sat up on his bike. He crossed the line eight seconds clear of countryman Jasper Philipsen of the Alpecin-Fenix team, with Jumbo-Visma teammate Christophe Laporte taking third place in a sprint finish.

"This jersey gives wings. It was definitely a tough climb but this stage was very likely going to end up in bunch sprint," Van Aert said. "It was difficult to finish alone, but thanks to the work of my teammates, I did it. It was up to me to finish it off."



Belgium's Wout Van Aert, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 171.5 kilometers (106.6 miles) with start in Dunkerque and finish in Calais, France, Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

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Van Aert picked up a 10-second time bonus and is now 25 seconds ahead of Yves Lampaert in the

overall standings and 32 seconds clear of two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar. □

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